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Accreditation

The Basic Police Academy accredited by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, as well as Napa Valley College.



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Training For Future Law Enforcement Professionals

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Officer Survival ● Leadership ● Ethics ● Community Policing

The Basic Police Academy

Basic academy training is the foundation of a successful and rewarding law enforcement career. At our training center, the Basic Academy is the most important program we present. We place a very heavy emphasis on leadership, ethics, and community policing principles. Central to this emphasis is officer safety, problem solving, and the development of character. Our educational philosophy is well defined and includes a detailed discipline model all of which is intended to develop outstanding law enforcement officers. Graduates earn their certificates by meeting some of the highest standards for Basic Academy graduates in the state. Graduates often say that the Basic Academy was the most challenging experience of their life.



Our curriculum exceeds state minimum standards in almost every respect. 44% of the instructional hours are dedicated to physical skills, officer safety, and survival. This emphasis is balanced by a demanding set of academic standards carefully designed to prepare students for success in a field training program. This is not a lecture-based program. Students learn through a variety of experiences facilitated by subject matter experts and are required to demonstrate a high level competency in six core dimensions in order to graduate.

Learn By Doing Through Hands-On Training
Emergency Vehicle Pursuit Driving
Criminal Investigations and Report Writing
Certification In Two Impact Weapons
Combat Style Semi-Automatic and Shotgun
Tactical Communications
Extensive Role Play Scenario Simulations



The Basic Police Academy is offered in both a full-time intensive format and a part-time extended format. All of our academies are 880 hours in length. Both academy formats have the same content, testing and graduation standards, but are scheduled differently in order to meet the needs of our cadets.

The full-time intensive format academy is a 22-week program that meets from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM or 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The part-time extended format academy meets Monday through Thursday nights from 6:00PM until 10:00PM and on Saturdays from 8:00AM until 5:00PM for 9 months.

The Academy provides students with all equipment while attending the program including a utility belt and holster, impact weapon, firearm, shotgun, and all ammunition.

The cost of the Basic Police Academy includes all P.O.S.T. workbooks, equipment, materials and uniforms.

Application for a seat in any of our basic police academy classes requires five steps. Candidates for the Basic Academy must be a high school graduate or have passed the General Education Development Test (California Government Code Section 1031(e)). Cadets must be at least 18 years of age for peace officer employment. It is strongly suggested that all cadets reach the age of 21 by the time they graduate from the Academy. All candidates must have a valid California Driver's License without restrictions (other than required glasses or contact lenses).

STEP 1: Read the information about the basic police academy program on our website, www.nvccjtc.org.

STEP 2: Complete an on-line application for admission to Napa Valley College. You must have your college student ID number.

STEP 3: Complete a Live Scan fingerprint check at a local police department or sheriff's office and obtain a clearance letter from the California Department of Justice verifying that you have no disqualifying criminal history related to attending the basic police academy (pursuant to section 13511.5 PC).

STEP 4: Demonstrate both your academic and physical readiness to the academy.

STEP 5: Once you have completed the four steps above AND have met the entrance requirements, you may submit a deposit to reserve a seat in an upcoming class. You must submit your deposit in-person at the Criminal Justice Training Center. Be sure to bring all required documentation with you.

High Discipline, Moderate Stress